

# CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN (Bitterne) OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION (Hedge End) ST. BRIGID (West End)

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A, Cycle 2) & Christmas Time

21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

## Reflection from Fr Elijah

**This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** our readings talk to us how God fulfils his promises in Christ, the Emmanuel, God-with-us. Also, Joseph's obedient faith in accepting God's surprising plan to welcome Jesus, teaches us to trust in divine guidance, prepare our hearts with hope, humility, and love, for Christ who saves the world through faithful obedience.

**At Christmas**, we proclaim in the incarnation that God became human in Jesus Christ, born of Mary, to dwell among us. Through his humble birth, God reveals saving love, restores humanity, conquers sin and death, and invites all people to share divine life, peace, mercy, hope, and joy forever with faith and gratitude.

Next, Sunday is the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model of faith, love, and obedience. It teaches us that God sanctifies family life, calls households to prayer and service, and invites families to grow in holiness through mutual self-giving, trust, and faithful love rooted in Christ.

Lastly, on New Year's Day, we celebrate **Mary, Mother of God**, because she was chosen by grace to bear Jesus Christ. Her faithful "yes" model's perfect discipleship and obedience. Honoured by the Church, she intercedes for humanity and always leads believers to Christ.

**I wish everyone of you and Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent & Christmas Time

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tue-Fri). Sacrament of Confession is available on request.

Mass Intentions can be requested through Fr Elijah or the Parish Office.

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20251221/mass.htm>

Date	Times & Location			Mass Intentions
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> December <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	Private intention Alan Hood Fr John Buckley RIP
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am	OLA	Mass	For the people
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6pm 10pm 12am	CKSC OLA CKSC	Carols & Mass Carols & Mass Mass (in Polish)	For the people
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	9am 11am	SB CKSC	Carols & Mass Mass	Margret Mary, Charles James & David John Miller RIP
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the souls in purgatory
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	Joan Latham RIP Francis Bernard & Catherine Anne Murphy RIP For Betty Lucas RIP
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	OLA	Mass	For the people
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10am	SB	Mass	Fr John Buckley RIP
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> January	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	For the people
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Epiphany</i>	10am 7pm	OLA CKSC	Mass Mass	

Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	SB	Mass	
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> January	10am 2pm	OLA CKSC	Mass Funeral Mass	Requiem Mass for Fr Shaun Budden
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	



The funeral Mass for Fr Shaun Budden will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 2pm at Christ the King & St Colman church. Monsignor David Hopgood will preside. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

## Within our Parish

**CKSC Flowers for Christmas:** This year we will decorate the church on Christmas eve from 10am. Donations of white or yellow flowers will be well appreciated. Everyone is welcomed to put the crib up and decorate the church. There may even be mince pies and liquid refreshment!!

**Letter from Bishop:** We are this week distributing a letter from Bishop Philip with information about the consultation period about the plans for the proposal to have one parish across Southampton. Please do pick one up to read.

**Thank you:** to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Mini Mart a great success by helping, donating and buying goods and most of all for coming and joining in. Many thanks for the many lovely, beautiful and useful items that were donated. A special thank you to the dedicated team of helpers for setting up and running the event and dealing with all the unsold items afterwards. We raised £395.07, a very good result, a heartfelt thank you to everyone.

**Help with Teas and Coffees:** At CKSC we are needing more volunteers to help with the First Sunday of the Month Teas and Coffees. Any and all help is appreciated. If you're able to volunteer in this ministry, please speak with Joan Campbell, or contact the parish office. Many thanks.

**Mother's Charity:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, after 11am Mass, the Mother's Charity will be serving Indian food in the hall at CKSC. They are raising money for a cancer patient in Kerala to provide him with further care. Entry by donation.

## Recurring Events

### *Our Lady of the Assumption – Hedge End*

- Tea, coffee, biscuits & friendly chat in the hall every Sunday after Holy Mass
- Children's liturgy during Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (not during summer holidays)

- Carers Group on third Wednesday of every month from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- Growing in Faith every Tuesday evening 7:30-9pm
- Table tennis every Tuesday from 9.30am to 12pm
- Open Church every Thursday from 10am-12pm

### *Christ the King & St Colman – Bitterne*

- Prayer group every Thursday 10.30am-12 noon
- Children's liturgy for 4 to 7-year-olds every Sunday during term time

- Tea, coffee, biscuits & friendly chat in the hall after Holy Mass every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
- Choir practice in hall - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

### *St Brigid – West End*

- Tea, coffee & cake every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after Mass

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, please submit any points of discussion to the office.

## Continuing to Support the Church

Please consider setting up a **standing order**.

### For Christ the King & St Colman:

**Account Name:** CDP Christ the King & St Colman  
**Sort code:** 30-93-04  
**Account Number:** 00887553

### For Our Lady of the Assumption and St Brigid:

**Account Name:** CDP Hedge End Our Lady  
**Sort code:** 30-93-04  
**Account Number:** 00879747

## Christmas Collections Links:

Christ the King & St Colman: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-christ-the-king-and-st-colman-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

Our Lady of the Assumption & St Brigid: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hedge-end-our-lady-of-the-assumption-and-st-brigid-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

Please mention which fund you are donating to as a reference.  
 Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah  
 Thank you for your support